



Car Washes. Clean Cars...Dirty River.

Car washes for fundraising can be a great way to raise money. However, if the wash waters from the car wash go to a storm drain, our creeks and rivers pay the price. If just water alone is used to wash a car, the discharge would consist of oils, grease, brake lining elements, rust, trace amounts of benzene and possibly chromium, and a few other substances. Add soap and now the mixture potentially includes phenols, dyes, acids, and ammonia. All of these items can have adverse effects on aquatic life and degrade the water quality of our local watercourses that we use for recreational purposes such as boating and fishing.

Please Be Responsible.

If you are going to conduct a fundraising carwash, pick an area to wash the cars where the wash waters will soak into the ground and not run into a storm drain.

Remember...*"Only Rain in the Drain"*

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